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Jerry has a new best buddy

Olsens do double take for ABC

New 'Two of a Kind' brings back 'Full House's' twin bill

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PASADENA — After a couple years on the sidelines, Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen, the kewpie-doll cute identical twins who won the hearts of millions on "Full House," are back in the game this fall with an ABC sitcom.

The big difference this time: Instead of sharing one role as they did on "Full House," in "Two of a Kind" they'll each get air time playing separate roles. The show, which revolves around the girls, their single father (Christopher Sieber) and a baby-sitter (Sally Wheeler), will air Friday nights at 8. The show is being produced by the Olsen's "Full House" producer, Bob Boyett.

"I think it's just fun because we just get to be with each other," said Mary-Kate, "and, I don't know, work with each other."

According to the twins, they've spent the past few years going to "regular" school and working periodically on movies and videos.

The plan, now, is to get busy again with their acting.

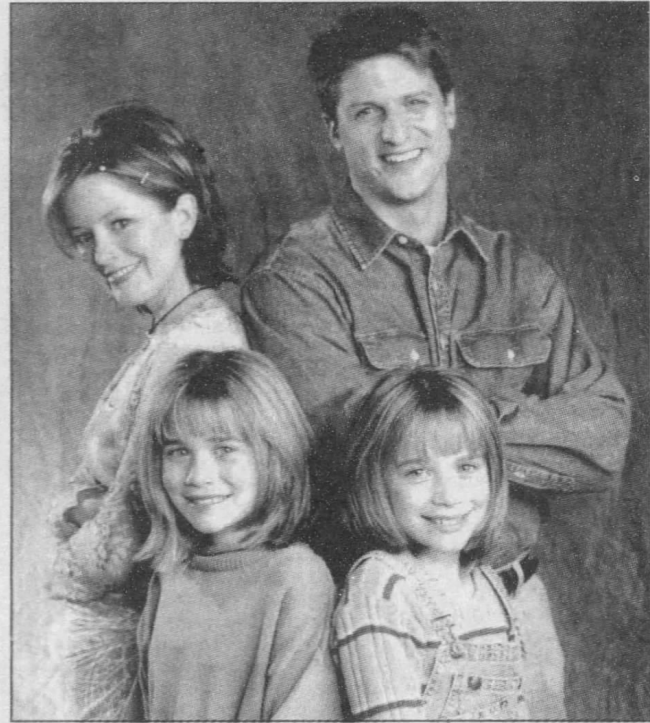
"Well, it's basically been so much fun for us ... we just love doing it, and we want to continue acting," said Ashley.

While the reruns will keep them toddlers forever, the Olsens are now 11, and go to the mall and do other typical kid stuff. They did, though, mildly stun the critics gathered here for the summer Television Critics Association tour, by citing the young-adult skewing "Party of Five" and "Dawson's Creek" as being among their favorite shows.

Away from the set, the two say they are very different and do not dress alike. Mary-Kate likes to horseback ride, while Ashley practices ballet.

"I like sports, and she'll go to the beach or mall and hang out with her friends," Mary-Kate said. "I'm a lefty, she's a righty."

"Our personalities are different," says Ashley. "She likes sports. She likes basketball. She loves to play football with the guys. And



TWO-DIMENSIONAL SHOW: "Two of a Kind" stars Ashley (l.) and Mary-Kate Olsen, Sally Wheeler and Christopher Sieber.

I'll just hang around, sit down with my friends, and hang out and watch them."

As for their days on "Full House," the twins say that when they look back they

don't focus on who had more air time, but rather on how they did as actors.

"Sometimes, I think we could have done better," Mary-Kate allows.

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